



# FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY

## LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES

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## New Blackboard Features and Updates

### Updated Button Behavior

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With the new update you no longer have to scroll all the way down to cancel or submit, the cancel and submit buttons will always pin to the bottom of the page regardless of device. It now acts as a floating bar at the bottom of the page when creating items, taking test, submitting assignments, etc.

**Create Item**  
A content item is any type of file, text, image, or link that appears to users in a Content Area, Learning Module, Lesson Plan, or content folder. [More Help](#)

\* Indicates a required field.

**CONTENT INFORMATION**

Name

Color of Name

Text

Path:  Words: 0

**ATTACHMENTS**

You can drag files from your computer to the Attach Files area or use the browse functions. Files are saved in the top-level folder in your course's file repository. If you select a file you do not want, click Do Not Attach to remove the attachment from the content item. The file itself is not deleted.

Click Submit to proceed. Click Cancel to go back.

Cancel Submit

### Drag and Drop Files (full tutorial is [here](#))

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When instructors create content items, assignments, and blank pages, they can drag files from their computers to the "hot spot" in the Attach Files area. Students can also drag files to upload when they submit assignments.

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Attach Files

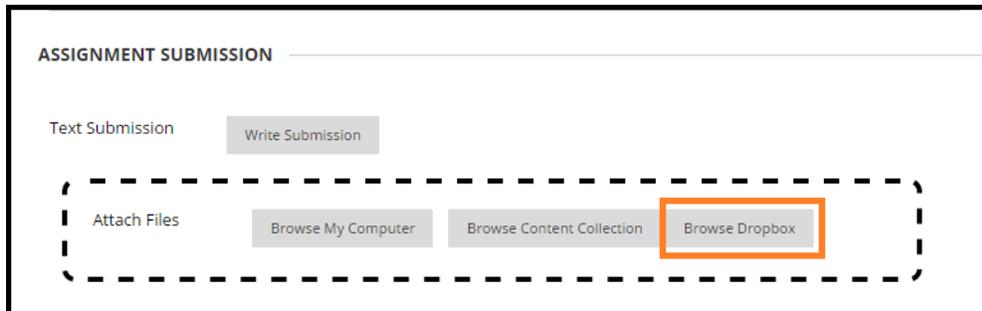
Browse My Computer Browse Content Collection



### Dropbox Integration (full tutorial is [here](#))

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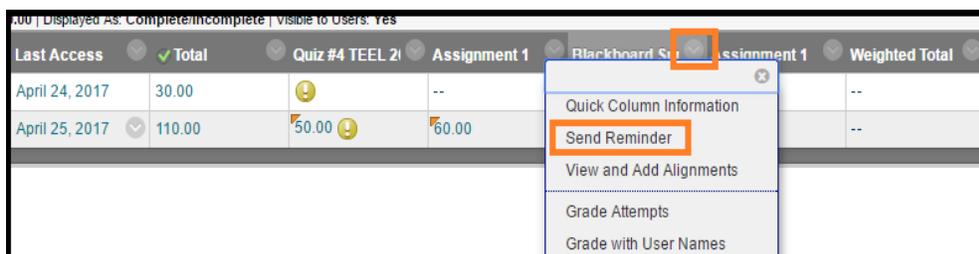
The Dropbox Education integration allows instructors and students to easily link to and upload their Dropbox content into the course. Users can attach files and submit assignments from their personal Dropbox accounts using this new cloud service integration. This allows both instructors and students to save files to their Dropbox and access them to submit them in Blackboard.



### Reminders (full tutorial is [here](#))

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Instructors can send email reminders from Grade Center columns to students and members of groups who have missing coursework. Students receive a system-generated email that lists the course, coursework, and the due date if included. Instructors can also send reminders for assignments with anonymous or delegated grading enabled. To protect anonymity, students' names and attempt statuses aren't revealed.



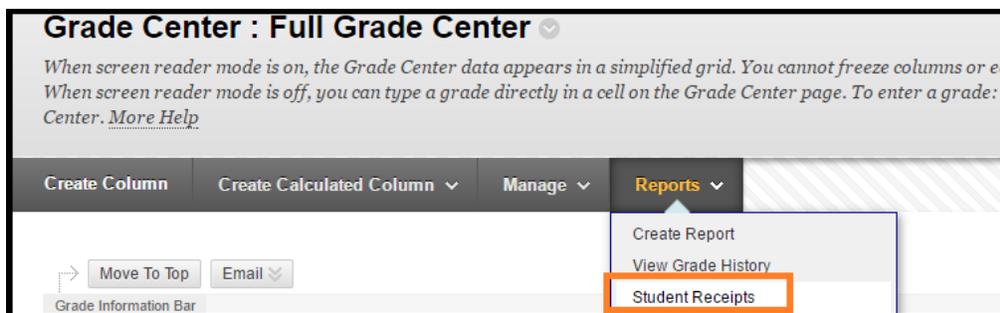


### **Submission Confirmation Receipts (full tutorial is [here](#))**

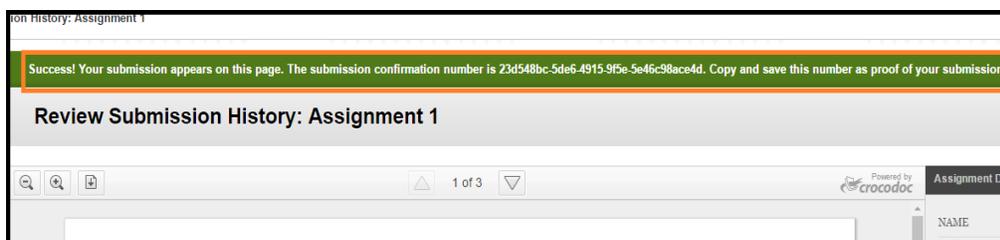
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Administrators and instructors can keep track of all student submissions, regardless of whether the attempt or assignment is deleted or the submission history is changed. A submission receipt is captured at the time of submission and includes information such as attached file information, date, time, etc. For assignments with multiple attempts, students receive a different number for each submission. This feature provides evidence for academic disputes, giving students assurance about their work.

Instructors can retrieve student receipt information. Go into the grade center and under reports, click on student receipts.



When Students submit an assignment they will receive a confirmation number. Their screen will look like the following:





### Fewer Needs Grading Items (full tutorial is [here](#))

When multiple-attempt assessments are set to calculate using the first or last attempt, there are potentially numerous other attempts that will never be used for the grade calculation. This can be particularly problematic in anonymous or delegated grading scenarios where it can be difficult to determine which attempts are associated with students and therefore require grading. A new filter is now available both in the Needs Grading workflow as well as within the Grade Center to show or hide these attempts. Attempts that won't calculate towards the assessment grade are now indicated with an icon.

The screenshot shows a search interface for the Needs Grading workflow. At the top, there are filters for Category (All Categories), Item (All Items), User (All Users), and Date Submitted (Any Date). A 'Go' button is highlighted with an orange box. Below the filters, there are two sections, each with a checkbox and a blue arrow icon pointing to the right. The first section has the checkbox 'Show attempts that don't contribute to user's grade' unchecked, and below it, it says '60 total items to grade.' The second section has the same checkbox checked, and below it, it says '68 total items to grade.'

### Course Activity Report Enhancements (full tutorial is [here](#))

The Course Activity Overview report has been updated to improve the experience for larger enrollment courses. Instructors can filter the report and break down the calculations of student activity by course groups.

The screenshot shows the 'REPORT SPECIFICATIONS' form. At the top, it says 'All report types will open in a new browser window upon Submit.' Below this, there are several fields: 'Select Format' with a dropdown menu set to 'PDF' and a note 'Charts will not display in Excel format. Run reports in HTML or PDF format if charts are required.'; 'Select a Start Date' with a date input field set to '04/26/2017' and a calendar icon, with a note 'Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy'; 'Select an End Date' with a date input field set to '04/27/2017' and a calendar icon, with a note 'Enter dates as mm/dd/yyyy'; and 'Select Users' with a dropdown menu showing a list of users: 'Rodriguez-Chavez, Jessica (jrodriguez.se)', 'Rodriguez-Chavez, FreviewUser, Jessica (jrodriguez.se\_previewuser)', 'Student, Bob (bobstudent)', and 'Tao, Minghao (m\_tao)'.